Procurement and storage of Foodgrains by Food Corporation of India

439. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the procurement of foodgrains item-wise by the Food corporation of India during the last three years;

(b) what is the storage capacity, the Food Corporation of India have from various sources;

(c) what is the loss of Foodgrains due to various reasons during the last three years; and

(d) what are the proposals to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The details of foodgrains directly purchased and taken over from State Agencies by Food Corporation of India during last three years are as under:

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Crop Year	Rice	Wheat	Total
1983-84	67·24	78·71	145·95
1984-85	88·05	83·41	171·45
1985-86 (P)	86·09	65·67	151·76
1986-87	63·55	*	63·55

The procurement of coarse grains was negligible.

*—Procurement of wheat out of 1986-87 crop will start from April, 1987.

(P)=Provisional.

(b) Total storage capacity (convered and CAP) both owned and hired available with Food Corporation of India as on 1-1-1987 was 26.22 million tonnes.

(c) The losses for the last three years are as under:

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

Year	Turn-over (Purchase plus sales) Quantity	Total loss	Percentage of losses to purchase plus sales.
1983-84	319·00	6·74	2·11
1984-85	295·14	5·72	1·94
35	368·40	5·95	1·62

(d) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce the losses such as enforcing 100 per cent weighment at the handling points of food grains to the extent possible, additional installation of weighbridges, stricter quality control at the time of purchase, better preservation, reduction in quantum of filling, machine stitching, effective supervision, surprise checks and construction/hiring of additional storage capacity.

Outstanding amount of N.C.D.C.

440. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount outstanding to the National Cooperative Development Corporation from various Cooperative societies;

(b) the total number of cooperative societies to whom N.C.D.C. had advanced loans during last three years and the amount advanced year-wise;

(c) the number of SC/ST Co-operative societies drawn loans from N.C.D.C. State-wise; and

(d) what is the number of SC/ST Members in these SC/ST societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) As on 31-3-1986, the loans outstanding amounted to Rs. 632.46 crores.

(b) The details regarding loans advanced to cooperatives during the last three years are as under:

Year	Coop. Societies to whom loan advanced (No.)	Loan advanced (Rs. in crores)
1983-84	14,767	124·57
1984-85	12,539	125·72
1985-86	11,760	116·30

(c) and (d) Under the schemes of N.C.D.C., the cooperatives which have 40 per cent or more membership from Scheduled Caste communities are categorised as Scheduled Caste Cooperatives; and the societies which have more than 50 per cent membership from Scheduled Tribe communities, as tribal cooperatives. The State-wise number of SC/ST cooperative societies which were advanced loans during the last three years and in 1985-86, is as under:

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Societies assisted during 83-84 to 85-86	Societies assisted during 1985-86
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7	—
2	Assam	24	3
3	Bihar	41	25
4	Gujarat	50	47
5	Himachal Pradesh	33	6
6	Karnataka	5	4
7	Kerala	14	4